

# CHINESE BOY REAL OWNER OF DOECK'S VASES

That Didn't Stop Him from  
Issuing Chattel Mortgages  
Against Them.

MISS RIDPATH HAS ONE.

Kong Wai Kah's Widow Is a  
Member of the Emperor's  
Household.

A beautiful Chinese woman, the widow of Kong Wai Kah, Chinese Commissioner to the St. Louis World's Exposition, is said to be the rightful owner of the set of ancient Chinese porcelains which now repose in the office of J. Edward Doeck, the missing diamond broker and lady's man. The vases are under lock and key in a small office adjoining that of Marcellus Pitt & Co., No. 75 Broadway.

The china is said to be very rare and over 4,000 years old. Doeck claimed that it was worth \$100,000. There are about sixty pieces in all. Four giant vases of unique Chinese design, valued at \$2,000 each, are included in the lot.

As stated in The Evening World yesterday, Sol Guggenheim, the copper magnate, holds a chattel mortgage against the china given to him by Doeck in return for \$14,000 cash loaned. Another claimant is Miss Sadie Ridpath, who was to have married Doeck in June. Miss Ridpath holds a bill of sale for the china against \$10,000 which she claims she advanced to the missing man.

Still another claimant is said to be F. D. Chasler, American Consul at Mukden, China, who holds a chattel mortgage. There are others also who claim ownership.

But the china is said to belong to none of these. When Kong Wai Kah, official representative of the Chinese Emperor, came to this country Doeck was in his train. Doeck spoke excellent Chinese and had participated on the side of the government in suppressing the Boxer rebellion. Kong Wai Kah had his wife's china on exhibition, and when the World's Fair was over Doeck made representations which induced the Chinese official to allow the vases' property to remain in this country.

Then Kong Wai Kah died in China and Doeck set up a personal claim to the porcelains, and when pressed for money needed to fly from a bigamy warrant issued against him in Philadelphia he pledged the porcelains to a half dozen different creditors.

The widow of Kong Wai Kah is a member of the household of the present emperor of China and she is said to be developing international complications.

# SAY SHE TAUGHT GIRLS TO STEAL

Police Declare They Caught  
Rachel Higgins and Pupils  
Dividing Loot.

Rachel Higgins, the mother of three children, living at No. 224 West Eighteenth street, was held in Jefferson Market Police Court to-day for trial on a charge of impeding the morals of minors. Detective Lieut. Becker and Rein, assigned to the shopping district, accused the woman of teaching eleven-year-old Lillian Hooney, of No. 234 West Eighteenth street, and fourteen-year-old Annie Weincke, of No. 230 West Twenty-ninth street, to rob department stores and of using them in shoplifting expeditions.

Both little girls admitted in court that they had assisted Mrs. Higgins to steal shirt waists, trinkets and other articles. Lillian Hooney said in school she asked me to go shopping with her and told me I could help her if I would. She said her mother's pay was not big enough to support her family, and that she had to steal clothes for the babies or they would go without. I stood in front of her while she took articles from the counters, but I never stole anything except a few handkerchiefs.

The Weincke girl told a story along the same lines. They said that another little girl traveled with them on their shopping tours. The girls were detained as witnesses.

Doeck and Rein saw Mrs. Higgins and the three girls eating suspiciously to a department store a week ago, but just then. Yesterday they ran across Mrs. Higgins and the Hooney and Weincke children and trailed them from store to store in Forty-second street and Eighth avenue, where the trio separated.

A few minutes the woman and her little companions met again in a doorway in Forty-second street and the detectives surprised them dividing a lot of shirtwaists, handkerchiefs and various trinkets they had picked up during the afternoon.



LOVE DOESN'T COME BY THE POUND!  
A woman and two children are shown in a domestic setting. The woman is seated, and the children are standing nearby. The caption suggests a theme of family and love.

# ASSETS AND CITY UNITE IN WAR GAS TRUST ALONG TWO LINES

Franchises and Real Estate Are  
Both Held Under "Dead  
Titles."

SUITS IN STATE COURTS.

Referee Masten Took Court's  
Tip in Fixing Fran-  
chise Value.

With the courts of New York for its battleground, the second campaign in the war on the Gas Trust has opened. Undismayed by the work against 80-cent gas law so far done, Attorney-General William S. Jackson, Corporation Counsel Milton and his able assistant, William P. Burr, now attack the giant corporation in its most vulnerable places.

First—Value of franchises.  
Second—Title of real estate.  
That the Gas Trust has no municipal or other franchises, and that even if it had such franchises it cannot be capitalized against the consumer, is the contention made. The hearing company must show cause next Tuesday in the Supreme Court why action should not be brought in the name of the people of New York to terminate the existence of the trust, on the ground that it has no franchises, and also that it is a monopoly.

City and State join in squeezing from the Gas Trust an explanation of its position concerning franchises, with the exception of one of which all have expired as follows:

New York, 1863.  
Manhattan, 1885.  
Metropolitan, 1888.  
Harlem, 1906.  
Municipal, 1907.

Relic of Twisted Days.

The other, the Knickerbocker Company, had nothing resembling a franchise to assign to the present Gas Trust, except an alleged right to operate a questionable franchise obtained in 1871 by noted members of the "Twisted Ring." The appearance of the names of William M. Tweed, A. Oakes Hall, Peter B. and James M. Sweeney and R. B. Connolly among the first assignees of this particular franchise, recalling a most unenviable chapter in the history of the city, is of itself sufficient to bring the franchise, which expires in 1913, into grave question.

The real estate which the city is about to bring suit to recover from the Gas Trust is valued by the company at \$2,251,704. It is between Twelfth avenue and the river and Forty-first and Forty-second streets, and Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, within the lines of Tompkins street, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets, and the East River; within the lines of Exterior street, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, and that portion of the plot of the land easterly of Tompkins street as laid out under the act of 1853. To this land the company has no title whatever.

That Franchise Value.

In defense of the Gas Trust are a corps of legal gladiators headed by Joseph M. Choate. One of these, Charles Matheson, said today to a reporter of The Evening World:

"One side has been heard on the question of franchise and real estate. The franchisees were granted many years ago, and the sole consideration was that the taker should promptly develop it by the expenditure of his own money, thereby resulting a contract which is as much within the protection of the Constitution as are all other contracts."

In their efforts to swell the assets of the Gas Trust, and show that the company could not earn a per cent. over cost for 80 cents a thousand cubic feet, the attorneys put in the franchises as a \$1,000,000 valuation, adding \$1,000,000 for "good will." Standing the evidence before him that the franchises had expired and that there was anything but good will for the Gas Trust, Judge Lacombe, allowed the company \$10,000,000, which item turned the scale against the "Eighty Cent Gas Law."

Both Judge Lacombe, who granted the injunction against the Gas Trust, and the Assistant Corporation Counsel under the late William C. Whitney, who after-ward became associated with Thomas F. Ryan, the genius of the Gas Trust. Whitney's influence with President Cleveland elevated Lacombe to the Federal bench, and Judge Lacombe, on April 2, 1898, swore in Masten as a Standing Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the United States.

They Are Old Friends.

An Evening World reporter to-day inquired of Judge Lacombe how many cases he had referred to Masten, and called to mind a report in a newspaper that Masten had been favored by him because of an old friendship.

"It is true," he is an old friend," said the Judge. "I have been an intimate personal friend of Mr. Masten for the past thirty-five years. I know of no man better qualified to see upon the equity matters of this court than Masten."

Why not have referred this important case bearing to some one other than Mr. Masten, whom everybody knows was an Assistant Corporation Counsel under the late Mr. Whitney?

Because Mr. Masten was one of the standing masters of the court," said Judge Lacombe. "In fact, he is a subordinate judicial officer of the court. Justice Brewer ruled that cases of this kind should be referred to standing masters. There are not a great many of them in this court."

Here Judge Lacombe had the clerk of his court, John A. Shields, look up the standing masters. There are six besides Mr. Masten. As to how many cases he had referred to Masten in the past, Judge Lacombe said: "There are a great many of them. I could not begin to recall the list, but, as far as I know, I know of no more capable man than my old friend Masten."

Judge Lacombe is a poor man, modest in the style in which he lives. For months of the year he occupies a modest flat in Forty-second street. His summer home is at Astoria, N. Y., a story and a half frame dwelling. He goes about bareheaded in hot weather, and usually puts on a forehead covering. He spends his afternoons at his desk writing out decisions in equity cases which he has selected for his recreation. His two clubs, when in the city, are the University and the Metropolitan.

Masten Took Judge's Tip.

Lower Masten lives in a handsome residence at No. 101 East Seventieth street. He is one of the best known judges in New York, being a member of the Metropolitan, University and Union and the Downtown Association. He is also a member of the Williams College Alumni Association, the Holland Society and the Richmond Hill Golf Club, of Long Island. The friendship between the two landed in some way, Masten having caused them to be known as "Lacombe and Masten."

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Assets of Consolidated Gas Co. as Estimated  
by Itself, Its Friends and the City and State

	Estimated by Company	Estimated by State	Estimated by City	Estimated by Master Masten
Real estate	\$14,558,000	\$10,504,255.95	\$10,587,585	\$13,461,000
Plants	15,532,459	9,318,692	9,348,692	15,500,000
Mains	12,636,000	7,383,533	6,529,035	12,636,000
Services	1,994,000	—	1,222,228	1,194,000
Motors and miscellaneous property	4,200,000	3,802,544	3,261,557	4,100,000
Working capital:				
Current supplies	8,616,470.08	—	(1,726,811.82)	8,616,000
National Coal & Coke	50,000	—	—	60,000
Astoria plant	12,000,000	—	—	12,000,000
Total	\$64,586,959.08	\$31,039,124.95	\$30,949,227	\$68,357,000
Franchises	24,000,000	—	—	20,000,000
Good-will	7,500,000	—	—	—
Total	\$96,086,959.08	—	—	\$88,357,000
Proceeds of debentures not yet in "plant," but temporarily invested, pending such in- vestment	5,500,000	—	—	—
Total	\$101,586,959.08	—	—	—

# Kong Wai Kah's Widow Who Is Real Owner of Doeck's Porcelain



# CHAUFFEUR CAUGHT BY MAGISTRATE

Whitman Saw Speed Violation  
on Broadway Himself on  
Way to Court.

"I wasn't going over the limit, Your Honor," declared Nicholas Wenzel, a chauffeur, of No. 23 West Fifty-sixth street, when arraigned before Magistrate Whitman, in the West Side Court to-day on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in a new automobile on Broadway, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets.

"What?" smilingly asked the Magistrate.

"When I was taking a new machine to Alfred S. Whitman, of No. 44 West Forty-fourth street, in a hurry when Bicycle Policeman Morrison gave chase at Fifty-sixth street and overhauled his man at Forty-eighth street."

"It happened just a short time before court, and Magistrate Whitman was on his way there when he witnessed the incident."

Wenzel was held in \$300 for trial. Joseph W. Stern, a music publisher, signed the bond.

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# YELLOW FINGERS, YELLOW HEART, SAYS MAGISTRATE

Crane Lets Brown Go Back  
to Baltimore With a  
Rebuke.

"Joseph" Brown, alleged crook and cigarette fiend, who has been arrested numerous times in company with a band of pickpockets, was discharged to-day by Magistrate Crane in the Centre Street Court at the request of Lawyer William H. Weisager, of No. 346 Broadway, formerly of Baltimore.

Brown, who is twenty-six years old, was arrested by Lieut. Frazer and O'Farrell on Monday night, and when arraigned before Magistrate Crane on Tuesday morning told the Magistrate that he was a graduate of the University of Maryland and a member of the Baltimore bar. When asked why he was mingling with crooks, Brown asserted he was on a secret mission and said investigation would prove his assertion. Magistrate Crane remanded Brown to the Tombs until to-day.

Before the case was called Lawyer Weisager called upon Magistrate Crane and informed him that the youth's right name was Henry Roscoe Brown. Mr. Weisager exhibited to the Magistrate a year book of the University showing Brown had graduated in 1904. Brown's photograph was in the book. Mr. Weisager also showed Magistrate Crane Brown's certificate admitting him to practice law in Maryland. It was issued in September, 1904.

"His mother is a widow," Mr. Weisager told the Court, "and is very wealthy. His uncle is Frank Brown, ex-Governor of Maryland and now the Democratic leader of the State."

Magistrate Crane told Mr. Weisager that he did not care to send Brown to jail and if arrangements could be made to return Brown to Baltimore, he would discharge him. The proposition was put up to Brown, who said he would return.

"Who will see to it?" inquired the Magistrate.

"My wife will," replied Brown, beckoning to a little slip of a girl dressed in brown who sat in the rear of the courtroom. The woman came forward and in reply to Magistrate Crane's question, said she was the wife of Brown.

"Step down for a moment," the Magistrate told the woman.

When she had retired the Magistrate interrogated Brown as to the woman.

"Is she your wife?" he demanded.

Brown hung his head. He finally admitted that she was, saying he had been married about a year. Further than this Brown refused to explain.

Mr. Weisager finally prevailed upon the Magistrate to discharge Brown, the lawyer saying that he would guarantee that Brown would return to Baltimore, and Magistrate instructed Lieut. Frazer to accompany Brown and his wife to the train.

Before the couple left the courtroom Magistrate Crane lectured Brown on the danger of cigarette smoking.

"Your finger-tips are yellow," he said, "and beneath your breast you have a yellow heart."

# MORE WITNESSES AGAINST HAYWOOD.

DOUGLAS, Idaho, May 25.—At the opening of the Haywood trial to-day, Judge Wood granted the State permission to introduce the names of several additional witnesses on the indictment against the accused miners, the defense noting an exception under a decision of the Idaho State Supreme Court, which held that the filing of additional witnesses after the trial has begun is error without prejudice.

Attorney Richardson declared that the defense had been unable to locate many of the witnesses for the State and had been informed by prosecuting counsel that they did not know the addresses of many of their own witnesses. If surprises should develop from the testimony of these unlocated witnesses, Mr. Richardson said a delay might be looked for.

Pitney McHale, a Scotchman by birth who was accepted yesterday by the State, qualified this morning, after a thorough examination by Attorney Farley, of the defense. He took his place as a juror in seat No. 2. The defense, excluding its seventh of its ten peremptory challenges, excused John Whitlock, a nurseryman at No. 6, from further service. Whitlock was formerly guard at the penitentiary under Gov. Hunt.

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# GOLFER GRAHAM ATTACKED HIM, SAYS CLUBMAN

Ex-Amateur Champion Ac-  
cused in Court of Assault  
in Fashionable Place.

PATERSON, N. J., May 25.—Archibald Graham, former Amateur Golf champion of the United States, will have to appear before Judge Scott in the Special Sessions Court on Friday next and answer to a complaint of assault and battery. The charge against him is made by Edward Seery, the leading florist of this city, who keeps a place on Main street. Both men move in the best social circles here and are members of the Hamilton Club, the most exclusive club in this city, the dining-room of which place is alleged to have been the scene of the trouble between the two men.

Graham is a big fellow over six feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds, while Seery is a small, thin man. Seery charges that at the time of the alleged assault upon him Graham was in a "drunken state of intoxication," and used language that was not only offensive to him, but also to his wife and sister-in-law, who were in the dining-room of the Hamilton Club with him at the time.

According to Seery, the trouble occurred on May 2 last, when he went to the Hamilton Club, accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law, and ordered dinner. There was a couple of new waiters in the club that night, and Seery thought he was being discriminated against in the service. He, therefore, went into the kitchen and complained to the chef.

When he came out and was about to sit down, he alleged, Graham entered the place intoxicated and made insulting remarks to him. Seery, with the two women, started to leave the place, when he alleged, Graham kicked and knocked him down, and before he could rise again punched him several times.

The women in the place, he declares, became hysterical and the dining-room was soon deserted.

Next day Seery says he preferred charges of ungentlemanly conduct and assault and battery against Graham to the Board of Governors of the Hamilton Club and last night the charges were acted upon. Judge Scott is Chairman of the Board, and after listening to the story of Seery and one witness, they called Graham into the room and he pleaded guilty.

The verdict of the board was that Graham be suspended from enjoying the privileges of the club for one month. This verdict, however, aroused Seery, who said that members of the club had been suspended for a year for lighter offenses. Seery went immediately to the home of Justice of the Peace Keyes, reaching there at 11 o'clock, and made a complaint of assault and battery against Graham. To-day Graham appeared before him and was ordered to appear for trial before Judge Scott on Friday next.

Seery now says he will not appear before Judge Scott on Friday with his witnesses, and, through his counsel, Michael J. Ryan, will try and have the case tried before some other Judge.

# \$5,000,000 SALE MAY BE "SILENT" SMITH HOLDING

Wall Street Conjectures that  
Big Deal in St. Paul Was  
for Heirs.

The impression is general in Wall Street circles to-day that the mysterious sale of a large block of St. Paul stock will soon be traced back to the estate of the late James Henry (Smith) Smith. This conviction is based on the fact that no other known interest in the securities of this railroad appears to be large enough to warrant a transaction of such magnitude.

The transfer of the stock certificates was made through the brokerage house of Clark, Dodge & Co., No. 49 Wall street, acting in behalf of the mysterious client whose identity has been so carefully screened from the public. The certificates were made out in the name of the broker and a clerk.

A member of the firm of Clark, Dodge & Co. practically admitted to-day that the transfer of the stock had been made, but positively declined to give any of the details. He said that the sale was a private one and concerned only three or four persons. The same attitude was taken toward the transaction by the president of the St. Paul & Northern Pacific, Mr. H. H. Clark. This house is recognized as one of the most conservative in Wall Street, and in the life of James Henry Smith frequently undertook large commissions for him.

Howard Miller, chairman of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul, is out of town, and no one in the company's offices could give any information about the transfer of the heavy stock interest to new hands. Nothing was known of it there, it was said.

The transfer involved no less than 20,000 shares of preferred stock, 10,000 shares of the common certificates. As an indication of the magnitude of the mysterious transaction, it need only be said that the owner had to have originally 40,000 shares of the stock to obtain the subscription privilege to the recent issue of stock.

At the market value of the stock the transfer represented an investment of about \$5,000,000. These figures led financial circles straight to the conclusion that the Smith estate was the unknown seller in the big deal.

The impression is abroad also that Mr. Smith's widow may have had a share in the transaction, as it is generally understood that she has been advised to dispose of certain securities that fell to her by her husband's will.

The executors of the estate have plenary power to dispose of any or all of the securities left by Smith. Well-informed interests have heard that they were in favor of selling the stocks for reinvestment in bonds by reason of the unsettled conditions prevailing since the large railroad interests since the beginning of the Harrison investigation by the Senate committee.

One of the large stock operators said to-day that, two years ago, Smith got into the transaction, as it is generally held, from a certain syndicate, but declined it and said that he would not consider any of the securities. The stock is selling to-day around 128.

LONGWORTHS TO VISIT ALASKA.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Representative and Mrs. Longworth left yesterday for their home in Cincinnati after a brief visit at the White House. After a short stay in Cincinnati they will go to Alaska to spend July.

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